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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5732

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF DISTURBANCES IN ZAIRE

REFS: (A) STATE 139774 (B) KINSHASA 5719

1. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MISSIONARY AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR ALL MISSIONARIES IN ZAIRE) TOLD EMBOFF THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 125-150 AMERICANS IN HAUT ZAIRE. REP HIMSELF WAS STATIONED AT NYAKUNDE MISSION, SOME 30 MILES FROM BUNIA, UNTIL SIX MONTHS AGO. HE HAD RADIO CONTACT AT 8:30 A.M. JUNE 3 WITH MISSION STATION AT NYAKUNDE AND WAS TOLD ALL WAS QUIET IN THEIR AREA. THEIR AREA ENCOMPASSES SOME TWO HUNDRED MILES AND MISSION HAS
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AND AIRPLANE WHICH FLIES DAILY.

2. MAF REP SUGGESTED THAT MISSIONARY REPS IN NAIROBI WOULD HAVE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE LIST OF AMERICANS IN MISSIONS IN EASTERN ZAIRE AS MISSIONARIES ALL TRANSIT NAIROBI ENROUTE TO MISSIONS AND GO THERE FOR VACATION. HE BELIEVES THERE ARE 80 TO 90 AMERICANS AT THE AFRICAN INLAND MISSION IN NORTHEASTERN ZAIRE.

3. MAF KINSHASA HAS DAILY RADIO CONTACT WITH NYAKUNDE BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 8:30 A.M. AND WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY INDICATION OF TROUBLE IN THAT AREA.

4. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED AFTERNOON JUNE 3 THAT CIS (MORRIS-KNUDSEN) WAS INFORMED AT ITS KANANGA CAMP ABOUT 11:00 A.M. SAME MORNING THAT THERE WERE "INFILTRATORS" IN THAT VICINITY. GOZ REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER TOLD CIS THERE THAT SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE TIGHTENED BECAUSE KANANGA TARGETS OF INFILTRATORS WOULD BE CIS CAMP, PETRO-ZAIRE, AND RAILROAD STATION.

5. CIS SECURITY OFFICER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AS RESULT OF ABOVE ADVICE, COMPANY HAD ALREADY REMOVED TODAY BY AIR 35 PERSONNEL FROM KANANGA, LEAVING ONLY 4 EMPLOYEES AT THAT CAMP. SOME HAD BEEN LEFT AT SAINT PIERRE, A 40-MINUTE HELICOPTER TRIP NORTHWEST OF KANANGA, WHERE A TOTAL OF 45 PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN. (THERE WERE 35 AT ST. PIERRE BEFORE TODAY.) 25 CIS PERSONNEL FROM KANANGA/SAINT PIERRE ARE MOVING BY DC-3 TO KINSHASA AFTERNOON JUNE 3.

6. EMBASSY IS INFORMING MISSIONARY COMMUNITY OF CIS EVACUATION.

7. FOR BUJUMBURA: PLEASE INFORM BUKAVU UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.
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